

**PROPOSED COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE
FOR CONTINUING ITEMS**

For Calendar Year: 2005

Issue Title: Update of Recreation Sub-Element and Open Space Sub-Element

Lead Department: Parks and Recreation

General Plan Element or Sub-Element: Recreation Sub-Element and Open Space Sub-Element

1. What are the key elements of the issue?

The Recreation Sub-Element was last updated in 1993; the Open Space Sub-Element was last updated in 1992. As a general practice, Sub-Elements are updated every five to ten years, depending on how much trends and other conditions in Sunnyvale have changed. An updating of the Recreation Sub-Element and Open Space Sub-Element would involve looking at recent census data and current studies of trends; evaluate success in meeting existing Sub-Element goals, consider whether the goals are still relevant and what modifications might be needed; and check for consistency with other City planning and policy documents. An update would also involve a needs assessment in the area of recreation and open space.

2. Current Status:

When City Council identified the "Revision of the City's Open Space and Recreation Sub-Elements" as a Study Issue it would like to see go forward in calendar year 2003, staff subsequently indicated it would be possible to begin this multi-year project in calendar 2003, with completion scheduled for 2004. It also identified the need for \$50,000 to complete the project.

However, given the need for budget reductions, staff recommended that appropriations for this project be reduced from \$50,000 to \$40,000. This *may* eliminate a certain amount of flexibility with regard to process (i.e., the scope of community input and/or the manner in which it is sought), but staff does not believe the quality of the end product will suffer as a result.

This change in appropriations was adopted by Council as part of the Capital Improvement portion of the FY2003/04 budget. At that same time, the timeline for this multi-year project was pushed out one year, with a new projected starting date of 2004 (workplan only), and a completion year of 2005. This Study Issue is on schedule.

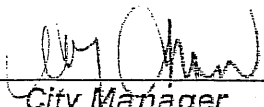
3. Estimated work hours for completion of the study issue.

(a) Estimated work hours from the lead department	<u>600+</u>
(b) Estimated work hours from consultant(s):	<u>300</u>
(c) Estimated work hours from the City Attorney's Office:	<u>10</u>
(d) List any other department(s) and number of work hours:	
Department(s): <u>Community Development</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>Office of City Manager</u>	<u>100</u>

Total Estimated Hours: 1,210+

reviewed by 
Department Director

8-13-04
Date

approved by 
City Manager

8/17/04
Date